

## COUNARY STATE WOULD BE NATION

South Americans Send Envoy to Paris.

### ONCE AWARDED TO BRAZIL

But Latter Country Has Never Taken Effective Possession of the Territory.

PARIS, April 23.—A Paris morning paper plays the role of introducer of the new ambassador of the still nebulous state of Counary, which is endeavoring to attain a separate and independent existence among the South American republics.

The fate of the vague territory known as Counary was settled, everyone supposed, by the arbitral sentence of the Swiss tribunal, by which the region, with which France and Brazil had played diplomatic battles and shuttlecock for more than 175 years, was finally handed over to the latter power.

### Want Separate Existence.

Brazil has never taken effective possession of Counary, and the population, whose flag, if ethnographic differences were to be symbolized, ought to be a sort of Joseph's coat of many colors, are now apparently once more appealing to the civilized world to aid them to secure separate existence.

What recently occurred on the isthmus of Panama, when a new state sprang full-fledged into being, would seem to have been an object-lesson acting automatically on the nerves of the Indians, whites, negroes, and half-castes, welding them into a compact whole and giving them self-consciousness.

### Hypnotized by Panama.

Craving European sanction, hypnotized by Panama, and, maybe, counting upon the eventual support of one of the Continental powers which has already shown the world that Brazilian affairs are not beyond the range of its diplomatic vigilance, Counary steps once more to the fore.

The ambassador is a certain M. Brezet, who comes to France, in spite of the sentence of the arbitral tribunal, as president of a state which is described by all competent authorities as a pseudo-republic summarily wiped off the map as an independent state.

## Proposal to Excavate City of Herculaneum

Italy and Other Nations to Co-operate in the Undertaking—Important Discovery on Site of Ancient Thebes.

ROME, April 23.—An archaeological undertaking of a most important character is about to be set on foot, namely, the complete excavation of Herculaneum.

It is proposed that this vast work be carried out by the co-operation of Italy with all the civilized countries, and that there be a central managing committee at Rome with national committees elsewhere.

The scheme, there is reason to believe, meets with the full support of the Italian government.

LONDON, April 23.—The "Times" publishes an article by Edouard Naville and H. R. Hill, in which they announce the discovery, through the excavations on behalf of the Egypt exploration fund, of the most ancient shrine yet uncovered at Thebes.

It is the mortuary chapel of King Mentuhotep Nebkhe-rura of the eleventh dynasty, B. C. 2574. It is in an unexpectedly good state of preservation. It is not doubted that a great deal will be learned through this discovery of the history and art of the eleventh dynasty.

## HEIRS OF MR. IRISH SEEK LAND IN CHICAGO

They Say Claim to 160 Acres in Heart of City Bought in 1838.

APPLETON, Wis., April 23.—As soon as five of the eleven heirs of Gideon Irish, colonel of the 10th New York Infantry in the civil war, can be located suit will be brought against property owners on 160 acres in the heart of Chicago in an effort to revert the property to the alleged rightful owners.

The land, it is asserted, was purchased by Gideon Irish from the Government in 1838. He died a few years afterward, and the land fell into the hands of taxpayers. Attorneys now at work on the case declare the occupants cannot produce warranty deeds, and upon this point hinges the reversion of \$25,000,000 worth of property. Reuben Irish, of Shawano, is the instigator of the investigation.

### RABBI SUES CONGREGATION.

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 23.—Rabbi Jacob Epstein has sued the members of his congregation for \$1,000 because they failed to patronize him as an official butcher.

## LIST OF CONTESTANTS TO APPEAR NEXT SUNDAY

Competition Between Leaders in St. Louis Exposition Contest Becoming Spirited.

Beginning next Sunday, and until the contest closes, The Times will print each Sunday the standing of the contestants in the two St. Louis Exposition contests which are becoming very exciting as the end approaches.

It was hoped to have all the coupons which have been turned in during the past three weeks counted and credited by today, but owing to the delay caused in entering the coupons the past week on account of winding up the recent dot puzzle contest, it was not possible to get all the coupons credited, but by next Sunday The Times expects to be able to give the standing up to next Saturday night.

### That Envied Reputation

Of having something better than anyone else belongs to Gude, when the question is American Beauty Roses, 124 F.

## BEEF TRUST FACTS UNDER SEARCHLIGHT

Several Reports Received by Commissioner Garfield.

### NO DETAILS ARE GIVEN OUT

Enormous Mass of Information to Be Gathered and Digested—Report Possibly Ready in Autumn.

Several reports on the progress of the beef trust investigation in the West were received yesterday by Commissioner of Corporations Garfield, of the Department of Commerce and Labor. They relate to the prices paid for cattle in the last year. Commissioner Garfield, however, declined to make public any details.

The investigation is progressing rapidly, said Mr. Garfield, "and valuable information is being obtained. Secretary Cortison and I have talked the matter over, however, and we have decided to withhold reports until the investigation has been completed. Then a general report is to be made."

### Most Important Work.

"The work is very important," he continued, "and a mass of figures have to be accumulated."

In answer to a question the commissioner said he thought the report might be ready this fall.

Every phase of the beef, pork, and mutton and by-product industries is comprehended in the investigation, and when it is recalled that the business of these industries aggregates annually nearly \$300,000,000, and in which more than this amount is invested, with employees numbering 250,000, the magnitude of the work mapped out by Commissioner Garfield will be appreciated.

Commissioner Garfield refused to give the names or the number of men engaged in the investigation. It was admitted that the whole force of the bureau is at work on the matter, and that there are intimations that United States Secret Service men have been called upon to aid.

## PARTNERSHIP FORMED BY GASCH AND BIRGE

Herman E. Gasch and Harry C. Birge Will Conduct Real Estate and Insurance Business.

Herman E. Gasch, of Gasch Bros., and Harry C. Birge, secretary of the Riggs Fire Insurance Company, have formed a co-partnership styled Gasch & Birge, for the purpose of carrying on the real estate and insurance business. The real estate offices will be in the present quarters of Gasch Bros., and the insurance business will be taken care of in the present offices of the Riggs Fire Insurance Company.

Arthur E. Gasch, of Gasch Bros., has retired from the firm, but this has not been generally known save to some of his intimate personal friends. This would have necessitated a change in the plan of running the business, which included all lines of a real estate office, had not such a partnership as the one above been entered into.

That Messrs. Gasch and Birge have made this co-partnership is no surprise to their friends and business associates, since they have always been known for their mutual and cordial esteem for each other.

Gasch & Birge will be the resident managers for the German-American Insurance Company of New York, and their arrangement with this company provides for a continuation of the de-servingly popular management of the Riggs Fire Insurance Company. All losses will be settled with promptness and dispatch, without discount. The policy holders will have the same treatment with the additional security afforded by over \$12,000,000 assets of the New York company.

It is understood that Gasch & Birge have taken a lease of 708 Fourteenth Street, the Riggs Insurance Company offices, and here Mr. Birge will make his headquarters. Mr. Gasch will continue at 1228 New York Avenue.

## ENGLISH DETECTIVES ARE DETECTED

LONDON, April 23.—Henry Slater, head of the largest private detective agency in England, and four of his assistants, have been arrested on a charge of procuring false evidence to permit a woman client to obtain a divorce. This promises to become the most serious scandal in detective circles for many years past.

## CUPID WINS VICTORY OVER WOMAN HATER

Wealthy Farmer Had Barred Females, But, Nursed by Young Widow, Gives Up the Fight.

DERBY, Conn., April 23.—Cupid has just won an eleventh hour victory over William Ross, a retired farmer of Chaplin, who had been a woman hater all his life. Ross, who is seventy-three years old and has property valued at \$100,000, lived alone on his farm for nearly half a century, refusing to have a housekeeper or to allow any woman to sleep under his roof.

Two years ago Ross was stricken with paralysis, and Mrs. Emily Clark, a young widow of the village, was employed as nurse. Ross at first strongly objected to her presence. As soon as he was able to sit up he proposed, and they were married at his home Wednesday evening, by the Rev. J. E. Small, pastor of the Chaplin Congregational Church.

## MR. TAFT DECLINES A CAVALRY ESCORT

Prefers No Pomp When He Attends Opening of the St. Louis Exposition.

Secretary Taft has declined to have a cavalry escort at the St. Louis Exposition at the time of the opening of the Fair on April 30, when the Secretary of War will represent the Government.

President Francis, of the exposition company, planned to have a large body of cavalry escort Secretary Taft to the Exposition grounds, but at the request of the Secretary of War this plan will be abandoned and only exposition officials will accompany him.

Cavalry escorts for civilians have caused much comment recently, and have given rise to the charge that too much pomp and ceremony are finding place in Government ceremonies. Much comment was caused by the detail of Fort Myer cavalrymen to escort Secretary Root to the station when he left Washington after turning the war portfolio over to Mr. Taft.

## CUBAN PRISON SITE FOR HOTEL

Canadian Capitalist to Erect \$1,000,000 Structure.

### OPPOSITE MORRO CASTLE

Penitentiary Hatched Prisoners Condemned Under Administration of General Weyler.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 23.—Through the influence of President Palma, of Cuba, Sir William Van Dorne, head of the Canadian Pacific and president of the Havana and Santiago Railroad, is about to close a deal for the purchase of the old Vieja Penitentiary, located opposite Morro Castle, at the entrance of Havana Harbor, for the erection of a hotel that will cost \$1,000,000.

It will be the most sumptuous and modern hotel structure in the world, and will be equipped especially for winter tourists. The penitentiary is famous for the part it took in the torture of prisoners condemned during the administration of Governor General Weyler, of Cuba.

### Another Penitentiary is being built at Puerto Principe.

## GOT A NEW OVERCOAT BY WAVING A CHECK

Detective Howlett last night arrested George McGary, a self-declared horse trainer, on a charge of false pretense. While the races were in progress at Benning, McGary is said to have called at a clothing store, and representing himself as a trainer for E. R. Thomas, the horseman, obtained an overcoat and a loan of \$2.

He is also said to have displayed a check for \$500 to the manager of the store, saying that he would settle the bill as he could get the check cashed. It is alleged that he failed to appear at the specified time, and a warrant was obtained for his arrest.

Detective Howlett was assigned to the case, and upon making an investigation learned that McGary was not employed by Thomas. He was arrested at his boarding house in Fifth Street, and will be given a hearing in the Police Court tomorrow.

# "Seconds" of \$1 and \$2 R. & G. Corsets, Tomorrow, 59c

Some girdles in the lot. All made of French Batiste and Coutil; black, gray, and white; and with tabs or supporters; straight front; dip hips; bias cut. The imperfections are very slight.

First Floor Bargain Tables.

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**WHITE GOODS, 16c**  
30c and 35c Values 16c  
These consist of very neat effects in such weaves as  
**Oxfords, Cheviots, Poplins, Egyptian Combed-yarn Batiste.**  
(Pretty mercerized stripes and jacquard patterns.)  
First floor.

**Mercerized 12c**  
Sateen, Worth 18c and 20c.  
36 Inches.  
Tomorrow's special lining offering will be our 12c and 20c grade Book-fold Light-weight Mercerized Sateen—choice of either black or all colors—a yard, 12c.  
Lining Department—First floor.

**S. KATZ'S**  
8th ST. & PA. AVE.  
"THE BUSY CORNER"

**Children's Hosiery, 10c**  
A lot that we secured at a special price—and that are of excellent quality, despite the small price.  
Children's Fast Black Seamless Hose, 1 by 1 rib; double knees, heels, and toes; sizes 5 to 8½ inch—at 10c. Sizes 9 and 9½ inches, 12½c.  
First floor.

**\$5.00 Silk Petticoats, \$4.70**  
We say \$5.00 Skirt, but it's equal to most at \$3.50 and 2. Shown in three styles, and in splendid quality rustling taffeta. Black and color. Made with accordion pleat and small ruffles—dark ruffle finished with rose quilting—and deep umbrella ruffle, flared style.  
The colors are light and navy blue, tan, green, lavender, pink—also black, \$4.70.

# \$4.50, \$5, \$6, and \$6.50 Dress and Walking Skirts, \$2.98

Sizes for Misses.

On Bargain Tables—First Floor—Tomorrow.

Sizes for Women.

Broadcloth, Cheviot, Scotch Mixtures, Brilliantines, Granite Cloths, Kilted Skirts, Plain Flare Skirts, Pleated Skirts.

We thought the limit of values had been reached in our \$5.00 Walking Skirts, but yesterday came the chance to buy a maker's entire surplus stock—The maker was foolish—We could as easily get double the price for nine-tenths of the skirts. Just 280 in all. All the desirable styles of the season. Especial attention is called to the opportunity of Misses and Small Women. Don't expect to find any of these left Tuesday morning. The 280 will be sold tomorrow. Come early. See if you can pick the high-priced ones.

First Floor Bargain Tables.

## BLACK DRESS GOODS.

46-in. Twine Cloth, very serviceable summer dress fabric, Lupine make, \$1.49 grade, to-morrow, a yard, \$1.25  
46-in. Volie—Priestley's make, very fine quality, sheer, our regular 70c grade, tomorrow, special, a 69c  
We shall offer tomorrow 2 pieces—all that are left of 56-in. All-wool Suiting, regularly 70c a yard, 49c reduced to close at a yard, 49c  
Our \$1.25 grade of 46-in. Silk-and-wool Eolienne, choice of a complete line of shades, to-morrow, a yard, \$1.00

## Hair-line Mohairs.

One of the very best materials and one of the best patterns for shirt waist suits. Plain black and blue, relieved with hair-line stripes, 44-in. wide and offered at a special price of 69c

## Cream Mohair.

We have just 2 pieces of 46-in. Cream Sicilian Mohair, fine luster and heavy grain, worth \$1.50 a yard. This will be sold at the special price, a yard, 69c

## SUMMER PORTIERES, 98c

Choice of 2 "right" kinds for making home look pretty and cool in summer.  
Snowflake Madras Portieres, good \$1.28 value, 9 feet long, cross stripes in a variety of single shades and combinations of colors, finished with deep tassels fringe—pair, 98c.  
Rope Portieres, worth \$1.50, 8 feet long; they will extend to 7 feet wide. Well made and in good, bright colors—blue, green, and red—88c each.  
Third floor.

## 25c and 35c Kinds JAPANESE MATTINGS, 19c

A large lot of our first import order which missed the first steamer was received yesterday. The lot contains many new pretty carpet patterns.  
These will be put on sale Monday morning for the day only at a yard, 19c.  
Third floor.

## TAN OXFORDS, \$2.50

Two dressy and new styles. These Oxfords will appeal very strongly to those who wish soft leather, flexible and very light soles. They are the kinds that will afford comfort to tender feet.  
One style is of soft chocolate-colored yield kid, made with opera toe, military heel, hand-turn sole, \$2.50.  
The other is a fine light-colored Russian calf, made in pretty blucher style, Cuban heel, turn-sole, and new "To-day" toe—\$2.50.  
Second floor.

## 12c Handkerchiefs 8c

Women's Unlaundered All-linen Initial Handkerchiefs, hemstitched all letters. A regular 12½c Handkerchief for Monday at 8c. First floor.

## 12-Yard Pieces Val. Laces for 34c

EDGINGS. Worth 50c to 65c. INSERTIONS.

55 cartons of these Fine French Val. Laces at very close to half their actual worth. Many of these will be found in matched patterns.

## 45 Indress Nets, \$1.29 yd. 25c and 30c Embroideries, 16c.

Choice of White or butter colored nets, two grades, \$1.75 and \$2.00 qualities tomorrow at \$1.29. These are the fine French Applique figured nets.  
Large bargain lot of the best styles—all nice, neat openwork patterns. May be had in Cambric, Swiss or Nainsook.

## WHITE AND CREAM LINEN SUITINGS.

These big values will certainly stimulate the home making of linen waists and tub suits.

## 15c

A YARD for 33-inch wide Shrunken Linen Finish Suiting. 25 pieces ready tomorrow at this price. A remarkable value.  
One of the best values in the store tomorrow will be found in eight (8) pieces of pure Irish Linen Suiting 37 inches wide, all cream shade, offered specially at a yard, 18c

## Sale of Silk Foulards for Shirt Waist Suits.

10,000 yards in a variety of patterns and new styles, are offered to-morrow at values that will attract widespread attention.

1,000 yards All-silk Printed Foulards; neat effects, including all size polka dots, navy and white and black and white; 22 inches wide—worth 50c—at 39c

2,000 yards of 79c Printed Satin Foulards, variety of designs, in navy, brown, rose, gray, and black, combined with white. 24 inches wide—a yard, 49c

2,500 yards of best printed Habutai, all Lyons, France, dyed and printed; popular colorings and neat patterns. 24 in. wide. Worth 75c—at 49c

First floor.

## May Magazines.

Ladies' Home Journal, 10c  
Harper's Magazine, 25c  
Lippincott's Magazine, 25c  
Munsey's Magazine, 25c  
Scribner's Magazine, 25c  
Century Magazine, 25c  
AND MANY OTHERS.  
Third floor.

## GREAT PICTURE SALE.

We offer more than 5,000 Pictures at

## REDUCTIONS

Ranging from

½ to ⅔ the regular prices.

Contemplated changes on the fourth floor make a reduction of picture stock absolutely necessary. It's the greatest chance of years. Fine Pictures will go for a fraction of their worth—many below actual cost.

9c to \$12.50, Half price or less.

## SILK COAT, \$8.75

Silk coats are only second in favor NOW because the warmth of coverts is essential to comfort. Only a few days until silks will be first. Splendid value in these.  
Made of Black Beau de Soie, 28 inches long, pleated back, neat collarless style; full puff sleeves, turn-back cuffs, and trimmed with small silk buttons.

## Veilings, 19c a yard.

At this very special price we offer tomorrow choice of two lots—  
27-inch Ombre 18-inch Fine Maline, in all French Chiffon colors.  
First floor.

## Elastic 3c Web.

Dozen Yards, 33c. Worth up to 10c yard.

5,000 yards of Lisle Loom Web, in all widths, black and white. These are manufacturers' odd lengths, but there's enough in each piece to be able to use it for any purpose. Worth up to 10c yard. Tomorrow, 3c yard—dozen yards, 33c.  
First floor.

## 50 Hats, \$4.50 to \$6 values, at \$3.50

Smart, stylish trimmed hats in large and medium shapes.  
Nicely trimmed with chiffon, laces, horsehair braids, flowers, and ribbons.  
The lot contains black and solid color effects.  
Lack of early orders because of bad weather is the cause of the maker disposing of several hundred at about cost. The 50 offered represent what we thought the "cream" of the lot. \$3.50 while they last, instead of \$4.50 to \$6.

## 31 KINDS BRUSHES

AT DEEPLY CUT PRICES

## FREE

With each purchase a full size box of Talcum free while 225 boxes last.

## 5c Nail Brush 2c 10c Nail Brush 5c

50c "Keep Clean" Hair Brush.....35c  
65c Complexion Brush.....35c  
65c Real Ebony Military Hair Brush.....45c  
25c Celluloid Handle Whisk.....25c  
Brookline.....25c  
Cloth Brush.....25c  
75c Pure Bristle Hair Brush.....45c  
55c Long Handle Bath Brush.....25c  
25c Nail Brush.....15c  
English Tooth Brush, silver wire drawn.....25c  
15c Sanitary Tooth Brush.....25c  
35c Nail Brush.....25c  
50c Bonnet Hair Brush, sterling silver handle.....25c  
Japanese Tooth Brush, bone handle.....25c  
50c Cloth Brush, fine white bristles.....35c  
\$1 Bath Brush.....50c  
\$1 and \$2.50 Hair Brushes, French made.....\$1.49  
\$1.50 to \$2 French Hair Brushes, all pure bristle.....35c  
55c Barber Shaving Brush.....15c  
Nail Brushes.....45c  
Bath Brush, high grade.....25c  
15c Bristle Hair Brush.....15c  
The Godiva Hair Brush.....\$1.98  
75c Bath Brush, detachable and solid handle.....25c  
Cloth Brush, of pure bristle.....25c  
Rubber Bath Brush.....45c  
Real Badge Shaving Brush, white bone handle.....45c  
55c Nail Brush.....15c  
Mme. M. Yale's Complexion Brush.....25c  
\$1.50 Real Ebony-back Military Brush.....50c